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Libertarian Party urges Pete Wilson: "Let Lady Liberty go!"

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Libertarian Party sent a letter to the Pete Wilson for President campaign today, charging that the Republican candidate's use of the Statue of Liberty as a campaign logo was "blatant hypocrisy" -- and urging Wilson to find another symbol for his campaign.

"Lady Liberty would recoil in horror if she learned that Mr. Wilson claimed to represent her," wrote Libertarian Party Director of Communications Bill Winter.

The letter to Campaign Manager Craig Fuller said: "Given Mr. Wilson's record on immigration as governor of California, he lacks the *moral* right to use the Statue of Liberty to represent his campaign. For more than 100 years the Statue of Liberty has stood as a symbol of America's willingness to welcome immigrants. By contrast, Mr. Wilson's xenophobic position on immigration is clear: 'Keep your tired, your poor, your huddled masses. There's no room for them in Pete Wilson's America.' "

Winter also suggested that Mr. Wilson's "kidnapping" of Lady Liberty could be viewed as a deliberate attempt to steal the symbol of America's most popular third party: The Libertarian Party.

"The Statue of Liberty has been the logo of the Libertarian Party for more than 20 years. In fact, in numerous states around the country -- New Hampshire, Indiana, and Utah, to name just three -- the Statue of Liberty is printed on the ballot as the 'official' symbol of the party," noted Winter.

"In an era when more and more Americans oppose the kind of big government that Mr. Wilson endorses, it's not surprising that he has decided to borrow the symbol of the Libertarian Party," wrote Winter. "But with his long track record as a tax-raising, immigrant-bashing, big-government politician, Mr. Wilson's desperate embrace of libertarian symbolism will surely be viewed as nothing more than crass opportunism."

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